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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. BULGARIAN MEDIA REFLECT SOVIET POSITION ON DISSIDENTS, FREQUENTLY CARRYING TASS DESPATCHES AND COMMENTARIES. LATEST INSTANCE IS MARCH 4 "REMARK" IN PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" RE BUKOVSKY VISIT AT WHITE HOUSE. ENTITLED "A HOSTILE ACT," AND WRITTEN BY YOAN MATEEV, ARTICLE CHARACTERIZED BUKOVSKY AS A "COMMON CRIMINAL", ONE WHO HAS "EXCLUDED HIMSELF FROM SOVIET SOCIETY," AND WHO HOLDS "ANIMOSITY AGAINST EVERYTHING THAT IS OF SOCIALIST AND SOVIET CHARACTER." HE IS QUOTED FOR INSTANCE AS HAVING SAID OR WRITTEN QTE THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN A TERRORISTIC WAY; THERE IS ONLY ONE METHOD AND IT IS PHYSICAL LIQUIDATION -- TO HANG THE RUSSIANS, TO SHOOT THEM, EVEN TO STRANGLE THEM UNQTE.

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2. THE PARTY DAILY SAID: "HIS PRESENCE THERE (AT WHITE HOUSE) RAISES SOME IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS: WAS IT NOT TRUE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER DURING HIS PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AS WELL AS ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO, MARKEDLY DEMONSTRATED HIS ADHERENCE TO THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IN THE WORLD, THAT HE DECLARED THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD MAKE EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS OF CO-

OPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION?" PARTY ORGAN CHARGED THAT  
PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION WAS A "POLITICAL ACT", AGAINST DETENTE,  
AND CONCLUDED: "SUCH A POLITICAL STEP CAN BE CONSIDERED ONLY  
AS A HOSTILE ACT TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION, TOWARDS THE  
SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, AS AN ACT WHICH IS CONTRARY TO  
SOME POLITICAL DECLARATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
US HIMSELF."  
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